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The Fiftieth Anniversary Annual Dinner

It has been announced by Mr. Starr that the annual dinner will be held on the evening of the Directors' Meeting, as usual. This year that will be November 28, somewhat earlier than in previous years. The committee, with Robert Schallenberger as chairman, has arranged for the dinner to be at the Bohemian Club, and the tickets will cost \$2.50 per person. It is to be buffet, and there will be no seating arrangements. It is hoped that all "old-timers" can be there to join in the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Sierra Club.

The Yodeler Says

And we quote it because we think it is worth repeating.

"Think carefully for a moment about the kind of world you want to live in when the war is over. How large a part can principles

and ideals such as those of the Sierra Club have in shaping it?

"There is an unfortunate tendency for people confronted with more work, increased expenses, to drop club membership, as if it were a luxury. But is it?

"Perhaps you feel that you haven't the time or the inclination for outings, skiing, rock-climbing, natural science. You may think that your membership is therefore not worth while. But such activities are only a small part of the whole program of the Club. Many are the members who joined or who maintain membership because they know that through the Sierra Club they can most effectively express their convictions concerning the preservation of irreplaceable resources. At least two of the younger and very active directors of the Club were first drawn to it because of its conservation program.

"Can you afford to withdraw your support from that program? The power of the Sierra Club lies in its large membership and in the agreement of all members on the one big problem—conservation."

Leave of Absence for Service Men and Women

Although it has been in effect for some time, perhaps it is not generally understood that all men and women in the service are given leave of absence for the duration, if they request it, or if it is requested for them. This means that they can then take up their membership again without paying the initiation fee. It is urged that any member who knows he is about to be called or any member knowing of another who may have left unexpectedly write the club office advising them, so his card may be placed in the men-in-service file. It is hoped that through the cooperation of members this service file with the latest addresses may be kept fairly accurate. These names are not on the mailing list, but for reference it is well to have them as up to date as possible.

More on the Mountain Troops

A new form for application for the Mountain Troops has been received from the National Ski Patrol. Another appeal has gone out for men with varied experience in the mountains, and this revised bulletin gives clearly the procedure to be followed by those

interested. The questionnaire is to be filled in by men seeking enlistment in, or assignment or transfer to, the mountain troops. As it differs from the former ones, anyone interested in this may obtain a copy from the club office.

In from Mineral King

Members of the Sierra Club Three-Camp and Base Camp trips intensively explored the Great Western Divide and the watershed of the Big Arroyo, in July and August. In the past this scenic territory has been passed through rather hurriedly at the start or end of the High Trip, but this year all camps were located within a limited area on the eastern flanks of the Divide.

Mineral King served as the jumping off spot for both trips and proved scenically spectacular as well as historically interesting. The Three-Camp group crossed over the snow-blocked Franklin Pass to their first camp at the gem-like Forester Lake. From here, Shotgun Pass, Rattlesnake Creek were visited and a half dozen unclimbed peaks were assaulted.

The next camp was established in the lower end of the Big Arroyo after a rough trip down the little-visited Soda Creek. From here side trips were made by large parties to Moraine Lake and the Chagoopa Plateau. The final camp was set up on the shores of the middle of the Little Five Lakes, facing the rugged Kaweah range.

From here, daily trips were made to the Big Five Lakes, Nine Lake Basin, Kaweah Gap, Precipice Lake and to the numerous unnamed creek and lake basins to the north. On the way out, the party divided into two groups, those who preferred to spend two days going over Black Rock Pass, Pinto Lake,

Cliff Creek and Timber Gap and those who took it in a single day through the much-heralded Lost Canyon, past colorful Columbine Lake and over Sawtooth Gap.

The Base Camp members entered the mountains over Timber Gap and Black Rock Pass and came out in the same manner as the Three Campers did. Their two weeks stay was at the same site on Little Five Lakes. Some fifteen remained in camp between the two outings under the leadership of Elsie Bell Earnshaw.

The Base Campers covered all of the scenic spots that their predecessors had, but managed to get in more mountain climbing. In addition botany and geology trips were organized by John Thomas Howell, who collected some 800 specimens for the California Academy of Sciences. Fishing was excellent on both trips, with daily limits of fair-sized trout being the custom.

On both outings, the campfires were extremely interesting with good music, excellent talks and unusual skits. There were the usual entertaining tea parties, bandanna shows, luncheon trips and moonlight hikes. Food was unexpectedly fine, with Martin Brady doing the cooking for the Three Camps and Dean Curtis heading commissary for the Base Camp.

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Burros Are Fun

Fifteen members, eleven men and four women, mixed thoroughly with ten docile donkeys and the beautiful high Sierra, maintained burro trip tradition with another fine trip. Leaving the good old swimming pool and a nice base camp at Jackass Meadows, the party skirted Florence Lake and followed up the San Joaquin, reaching the Evolution region by easy stages. That area thoroughly explored, the group dropped down to Piute Creek, and up the stream to Hutchinson Meadows. Dominated by Mount Humphreys, this proved a pleasing setting for the concluding days of the outing.

Mountain climbing was a popular pastime, with the Hermit, Mount Darwin, Pilot Knob and Mount Humphreys rewarding the climbers with superb views and that exalted feeling that only comes with conquering a worthy

peak. The flash of golden and rainbow trout rising to a fly thrilled anglers, and many a plump trout found its way to the breakfast table to help ease hearty appetites.

Menus were well planned and with the aid of the Hildebrands' "Camp Catering," and plenty of imagination, amateurs became professional cooks, preparing delicious and superlative dishes. The mysteries of how to saddle, pack, throw a hitch, and all the phases of burro technique, were quickly assimilated, and it was a veteran bunch of packers that headed their animals down the homeward trail.

Yes, as the group of tanned, hardy mountaineers regretfully said their goodbyes, all agreed it was a grand trip and burros are fun.

HAVEN JORGENSEN

Highlights from LeConte Lodge Report

This summer, LaVere Root, a member from the southern chapter, was in charge at the LeConte Lodge in Yosemite Valley. Her report, given in part, shows that the Lodge is a popular and valuable component in the summer life of the Valley.

From June 25, 1942, to September 9, inclusive, 1,944 persons signed the register at LeConte Lodge in Yosemite Valley. This figure probably represents only about two-thirds of the actual number who visited the Lodge.

A new large sign, "LECONTE LODGE—MOUNTAINEERING INFORMATION," was erected early in the season by the Park Service.

Lectures on different phases of mountaineering (rockclimbing, knapsacking, ski mountaineering), and informal record concerts on various evenings filled the lodge to capacity. A record player and forty-two recordings were donated. Several books were purchased for the library.

The Sierra Club, as usual, owes deep thanks to Mr. Frank Kittredge for his help and cooperation.

Exhibition in Club Rooms

November 16 to December 31. Paintings by Leland Curtis.

Committee Appointments for 1942-43

Editorial—Francis P. Farquhar (editor), David R. Brower (associate editor), Weldon F. Heald, Charlotte E. Mauk, Harriet T. Parsons, Barbara C. Norris, Marion R. Parsons, Blanche Stallings.

Glacier Study—Oliver Kehrlein (chairman), Eliot Blackwelder, C. A. Harwell, Weldon F. Heald, Thomas M. Hunt, Richard M. Leonard, François E. Matthes.

High Sierra Trails—Arthur H. Blake

(chairman), David R. Brower, Richard M. Leonard, Norman B. Livermore, Jr.

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Outing—Herbert L. Breed (chairman), Phil S. Bernays, David R. Brower, Oliver Kehrlein, H. Stewart Kimball, Richard M. Leonard, Norman B. Livermore, Jr.

Winter Sports—Einar Nilsson (chairman), Lewis F. Clark (representative of *Clair Tap-*

paan Lodge), Glenn L. Weber (local touring), Charlotte E. Mauk (Peter Grubb Hut), Einar Nilsson (tests), David R. Brower (ski camping), Dr. H. Stewart Kimball (medical), Richard H. Felter (ski patrol), Joel H. Hildebrand (technical), Oliver Kehrlein (publicity), Richard Burnley (ski tow), Bestor Robinson.

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Visual Education—David R. Brower (chairman), Lewis F. Clark, Nathan C. Clark, Joel H. Hildebrand, Richard M. Leonard.

Since these committee appointments were made, many of the chairmen have been called into service. In each case, there has been appointed an acting chairman who is continuing to carry on the work.

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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Virginia Ferguson, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the business manager of the *Sierra Club Bulletin*, and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, to-wit:

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VIRGINIA FERGUSON, Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of September, 1942.

VIOLET NEUENBURG, Notary Public.
(My commission expires December 31, 1943)

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